

even bold, but with great seeming modesty."¹ Letter CL, "A mere courtier; without parts or knowledge, is the most frivolous and contemptible of all beings; as, on the other hand, a man of parts and knowledge who acquires the easy and noble manners of a court is the most perfect."² Concerning good breeding, Casa offers several hints:

"Pass no joke with a sting.

Avoid being thought a punster.

Keep free from mimicry.

Never pride yourself on being a wag.

Be moderate in salutations.

Be not envious.

Be not passively complaisant.

Shew no hastiness of temper.

Be mild to your servants.

Keep up outward appearances.

Be easy in carriage.

Listen when spoken to.

Vary your address.

Behave well at table.

Attend to the women.

Kiss not the ladies."³

Chesterfield's admonitions are couched in a more general and elegant style: "Know then, that as learning, honor, and virtue

1. Chesterfield's Letters to His Son, p 456, Letter CCLXXXIV.

2. op. cit., p 158, Letter CL.

3. Galateo, p 269.